



Incorporating Public Perceptions of CCS into Energy Policy

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What we find in potential host communities

Communities with low socio economic status, no redress of past environmental damage, and poor history with gas industry:

1. Lack of trust in procedural justice
2. Lack of trust in experts / government



Past research

1. Based most often on surveys of convenience samples; not actual and potential sites

[but all politics is local]

2. Based most often on assessing community perceptions of the technological risks of CCS

[but communities may be equally concerned with trust, with procedural justice, with “voice”]



Risks of the technology are just part of the story

We have to go **well beyond current risk assessment and risk communication strategies** to understand how communities will react to CCS in their backyards, and how we can use their concerns to inform CCS policy / implementation / regulation

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